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## Omega Chapter House Razed by Fire

On December 20, 1939, a fire of unknown origin started in the third floor of the Omega chapter house, 1520 Neil Avenue, Columbus, and consumed the entire roof before it was extinguished. Water and smoke played havoc with the recently completed decorations, and personal effects of many of the fraters were destroyed. The damage is estimated at about $4,500.

A campaign under the direction of Jonathan Forman, Link Murphy, and Russel G. Means, in cooperation with the House Committee, consisting of John Gabel, Sol Hatfield, E. J. Gordon, Walter Hamilton, and Earl Baxter, has been started to raise funds for the necessary repairs. Some needed modernizing of the building will be undertaken at the same time.

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## Gifts from the Abbott Estate

Two Chicago universities and several Illinois hospitals will share gifts of approximately $3,250,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Clara A. Abbott, widow of Dr. Wallace C. Abbott, founder of the Abbott Laboratories, according to a report appearing in the Abbott house-organ, *What's New*. Trustees for the estate have announced substantial bequests to Northwestern University, The University of Chicago, Victory Memorial Hospital at Waukegan, Evanston Hospital, and Knox College.

Both of the Chicago schools contemplate the dedication of buildings in appreciation of the gifts.

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## New Home for Chi Epsilon

Details have recently been made available concerning the new home of Chi Epsilon Chapter at the University of Tennessee. The official address is 1318 Lamar Avenue, Memphis. This location, in one of the best residential sections of the city, is considered ideal for a fraternity home because it combines excellent neighborhood with proximity to the campus.

HOME OF CHI EPSILON CHAPTER

The house itself is an immense stone structure which will accommodate about thirty-five men. It is surrounded by five acres of ground, three of which are in woodland and the remainder landscaped. An acre of lawn in front of the house gives a beautiful and impressive approach. On the property, also, are a tennis court, pool, and formal garden.

The house was built about the turn of the century by a Mr. John Snowden as a wedding gift to his daughter. It is estimated that the original cost of construction was about $125,000. Since the death of the original owner, the property has been vacant. Chi Epsilon, aided materially by the local alumni, was able to secure it for about one-sixth of its original value.

## Professional Interfraternity Conference

The Ninth Conference of the Professional Interfraternity Conference was held in the Palmer House, Chicago, on November 4, 1939. Many delegates representing members of the Conference were present, and an interesting and comprehensive program was offered. The program consisted of papers and of informal round-table discussions on many matters of vital concern to professional fraternities.

The Professional Interfraternity Conference was organized in 1928. It is composed of representatives from various fraternal groups in the fields of architecture, chemistry, commerce, dentistry, education, engineering, law, medicine, and pharmacy. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for mutual assistance among professional fraternities on problems of mutual interest. More specifically included in the program of the Conference are: the collection, publication, and distribution of information of value to professional fraternities; the production of a better understanding of the purposes and functions of such fraternities; the educational and social significance of professional fraternities; the promotion of high standards of ethics and scholarship. The Conference is also in a position to render service on questions dealing with the principles of organization, policy, and operation of professional fraternities, and hopes to clarify the distinction between the professional, the general, and the honorary fraternity, thereby assisting each type of

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# Some Medical Aspects of the Maternal and Child Health Problems

By Edwin F. Daily, M. D., *Psi*

The Social Security Act as amended authorizes the annual allotment to State and Territorial Health Departments of $5,800,000 grants-in-aid for the extension and improvement of health services for mothers and children. These grants are administered by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

Four years ago, when Congress passed the Social Security Act, there were few facilities for the health supervision of mothers and children outside of the urban areas. Only 31 state health departments had a division of maternal and child health, and in only 22 of these divisions was the director a physician. Every state now has a physician as director of the maternal and child health division. Twenty-one of the directors have had at least one year of special training in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Four of these 21 directors are diplomates of the American Board of Pediatrics and 9 have had at least one year of additional training in recognized schools of public health. Of the remaining 30 directors, 14 have had special training in schools of public health, and 13 have had 8 to 28 years of experience in public health administration. Seventeen full-time assistant directors are employed. The full-time medical staffs of the maternal and child health divisions in the states are paid salaries ranging from $2,700 to $8,000 per year. Obviously, the successful planning of these health programs will depend largely on the ability of the administrative staff. Competent personnel cannot be secured unless salaries are paid commensurate with the qualifications and duties.

In 1938, more than 2,500 local practicing physicians were paid from maternal and child health funds for their services in the prenatal clinics and child health conferences supervised by the state health departments. The Children's Bureau has urged the states to employ local practicing physicians to conduct the clinics and the conferences rather than to rely upon voluntary assistance or upon the already busy full-time health officer. These local practicing physicians are paid in one of three ways: on a part-time annual salary, on a hourly basis, or on a conference or clinic basis. The fee per hour varies between $2 and $5, and the fees per conference range between $1.50 and $10. Additional amounts are paid for travel in several states. In one or two areas where sparsity of population made clinics impossible, physicians were paid for prenatal care given in their private offices, usually $5 for the initial history, physical examination, and laboratory service, and $1 for each follow-up visit, with a maximum of $10 for the prenatal care of any one patient. The service is less economical on this basis. It is also difficult or impossible for the state health agencies to provide adequate supervision, and the valuable services of the public-health nurse are not usually available in the physicians' offices as they are in the prenatal clinics.

It is recognized that these fee schedules in no way represent the true value of the services rendered, but at least they are an indication of the willingness of the states to pay physicians for services. In communities where pediatricians or obstetricians are not available, the local practicing physicians selected to conduct clinics should be given an opportunity to observe and assist in clinics and conferences conducted by specialists. Physicians who are unable to advise the expectant mother intelligently or to detect and treat correctly complications which may arise during pregnancy should not conduct prenatal clinics. When public funds are spent for medical services the public health agencies have the responsibility of providing reasonably competent service. Satisfactory qualifications of personnel and standards of services are essential. A shining example of the contribution of public agencies in the setting of standards is the Federal-State crippled children's program, in which they have established very satisfactory requirements in personnel and standards for hospitals providing care. Of the more than 800 surgeons paid for services in the crippled children's program, 70 per cent have been certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. Most of the remaining surgeons are Fellows of the American College of Surgeons. Of the 601 hospitals providing care for these crippled children, 528 are approved by the American College of Surgeons.

Aside from the need of improving service in existing prenatal clinics, qualifications and standards must be established for new clinics to be developed. More than 800 prenatal clinics have been established by state health departments during the past three years. Still only one-seventh of the rural counties in the United States have prenatal clinics where patients otherwise unable to obtain medical supervision can obtain this service. When a study of more than 10,000 births in one of our richest states showed that 47 per cent of the mothers received no prenatal care, or care which could not be regarded as adequate, and numerous studies of maternal deaths have shown that a majority of the women who died received no prenatal care, it is obvious that facilities for providing such services are woefully inadequate.

In addition to the local practicing physicians employed for services in clinics and conferences, several of the state health departments have made available obstetric specialists for case consultation when patients were unable otherwise to afford such service. When this type of service is provided it is recommended that the attending physician have his choice of a list of fully qualified specialists and that the consultation be paid for on a fee basis; the average fee paid by the state health departments for this service is $10 per consultation plus travel cost. As 99 per cent of the specialists in obstetrics practice in urban areas, it is difficult or impossible to provide this service in many rural areas. A few states have employed full-time obstetricians for areas where no specialists are accessible.

In a few selected areas maternal and child health funds are paying also for medical care at time of

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## *Tragedy in Technicolor*

By Ludwig H. Segerberg, *Psi*

Following the release of the Darryl F. Zannuck production of *Gone With the Wind*, Psi Chapter seniors felt that they could produce a "super motion picture epic" also. With this thought in mind, a story committee was chosen, and production began on what promises now to be even more sensational than the Margaret Mitchell story. The name selected for this epic was *Little Men, or The Pains Came.* It is a dramatic presentation of an entirely new subject—the plight of a poor girl harassed by a scoundrel, and saved by her noble lover. The picture was produced by Disunited Artists (a contingent of Phi Rho seniors), directed by the president and seven vice-presidents of that company, and is based on an original story by the same men. Production expense was about one thousand four hundred and fifty-two cents—the picture is in full color—and the results are indeed startling.

The story opens with the heroine, Virginia Concepcion, finding herself with a flat bicycle tire and muttering something about having trouble with her tubes again. Up pops our dashing hero, Umberto Umbilicus of the United States Navel Academy, to render aid and assistance to the lovely lady. Simultaneously with his arrival appears Cupid (a staid member of the class, in long underwear and a red ribbon) who immediately lets fly an arrow in the direction of Umberto's classified ads. There follows a love scene which Hollywood has never duplicated.

Virginia is shortly afterward spied in negligee in her boudoir by that dastardly dastard, Hernia Hernandez (we don't truss him), and, seeing what a beauty she is, he decides he must possess her. He entices her to a tea room and there fills her tea with a love potion which he carries for such occasions. (Asterisks, denoting that the audience is to draw its own conclusions.)

The months fly by, and Virginia notices a gradual increase in her girth. Finally, she approaches the calendar and, seeing that it is

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# *Chapter and Alumni News*

*BAYLOR UNIVERSITY*

Seniors of Alpha Omicron Chapter have accepted the following internship appointments: Frank B. Barker, Highland Sanitarium, Shreveport, La.; George W. Harwood, Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Texas; George J. Merriman, Baylor University Hospital; Joe Ben Jarvis, St. Joseph's Hospital, Tacoma, Wash.; Robert H. Johnson (with residency in Obstetrics), Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas; Henry G. Montgomery (with residency in Surgery), Parkland Hospital; J. Elbert Loveless, Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Kansas; Joseph H. Shelton, Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Texas.

A number of juniors are lining up externships for next summer. Already located are Drue Ware at City County in Fort Worth, Texas, and Jabez Galt at Medical Arts in Dallas.

The annual formal dance was held at the Adolphus Hotel, February 10, 1940. Alumni are showing particular interest in the affair this year.

Initiation ceremonies for Pledge Class are to be held in March at the conclusion of the second trimester of school.

Edward H. Cary has been elected chairman of the executive board of the National Physicians' Committee for the Extension of Medical Service.

*UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO*

George A. Williamson has completed his internship at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon, and is at the Oregon State Tuberculosis Hospital, Salem, Oregon.

Harry E. Coakley is taking postgraduate work at the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital, New York City.

Louis W. Soland is stationed at Fort Lupton, Colo.

*UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS*

Seniors have accepted internships at the following hospitals: H. J. Kolb, Lutheran Deaconess, Chicago; L. E. Massie, Lutheran Deaconess, Chicago; M. E. Webber, Lutheran Deaconess, Chicago; Frank Dickson, Illinois Research and Educational Hospital, Chicago; J. A. Keys, California Hospital, Los Angeles; Harold Oberhill, St. Anthony's Hospital, Chicago; F. P. La Fata, St. Mary's Mercy Hospital, Gary, Ind.

Beta Chapter held its annual initiation on February 17. The following men were initiated: Howard Carrington, Frank Clare, Donald Garland, Harold Fischer, Ernest Geever, Philip Greco, Pete Cotserilos, Robert Kuehnert, Everett Peterson, Joseph Provanzano, Albert Schweitzer, James Smith, Lloyd Stropes, and Earl von Drasek.

The following week-end, on February 24th, the chapter held a formal dance at one of the downtown hotels.

The annual Alumni Banquet, which the chapter cordially invites all the alumni to attend, will be held the night of April 10, at the chapter house, 816 South Ashland Blvd.

Raymond C. Turck has moved from Ortega, Florida, to Alma, Michigan.

Walter B. Kotas is located at Beverly, Kan.

Kenneth Pistorius is located at Buffalo, Ill.

Martin M. Ricketts, Jr., is located at Rantoul, Ill.

R. O. Shelton is practicing at 625 Broadway, San Diego, Cal.

Dominic J. Haftkowski has completed a post-graduate course in Public Health at the University of Michigan and is surgical resident at Chicago Municipal Sanatorium, Chicago.

*UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA*

In a recent article, H. M. Trusler and associates advocate early and repeated blood transfusions as imperative measures in the effective treatment of extensive and critical burns.

The following new addresses have been announced: Wendell C. Anderson, Huntingburg, Ind.; Charles E. Webb, National Bank Bldg., El Paso, Texas; John E. Folck, U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Steilacoom, Wash.; Richard H. Appel, 23 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.

*UNIVERSITY OF IOWA*

Wayne L. Henning has recently been appointed medical director of the Stony Wold Sanatorium, Lake Kushaqua, N. Y. This institution is devoted to the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Harold L. Williams is at the St. Louis Southwestern Hospital, Texarkana, Ark.

Alfred L. Bullock is located at Cushing, Ia.

Robert H. Ward is at Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

*JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE*

The following men were initiated into Rho Chapter on December 9, 1939: Frank J. Di Cicco, Wilmington, Del.; Edward Everett Harnagle, Des Moines, Iowa; Robert Gerard Howe, Philadelphia; Andrew Christian Ruoff, Jr., Union City, N. J.; Walter Uhler, Bethlehem, Pa.; Leonard Joseph McGee, Bristol, Pa.; Franklin D. Zimmerman, Jr., Schaefferstown, Pa.; and Anthony Adam Tananis, Minersville, Pa.

Norman Macneill, Vice-president of Phi Rho Sigma, presented the leading article in a symposium on pneumonia, published in the *Pennsylvania Medical Journal* for January, 1940. The title of the paper was "Some Observations on the Diagnosis of Pneumonia in Children".

Francis P. Bigley, father of "Joe" Bigley, is recovering from his serious illness.

Richard H. Fenstermacher has received an appointment at Mayo Clinic in the Department of Pathology.

James F. McCahey, Norman Macneill, Louis J. Roderer, and Martin F. Guckerman have received staff appointments at the New Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia.

Pascal Lucchesi, Medical Director, Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, has been elected president of the Philadelphia Pediatric Society.

William J. Hutchinson, formerly at the

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## A Plan for Service

Broadly speaking, a fraternity that exists only for the benefit of its members has small excuse for existing at all. It is a fundamental in the philosophy of medical fraternalism that there be at all times an active, constructive program of service to the profession in general. Part of this program, and by no means an insignificant part, is service to the schools where undergraduate chapters are located. The schools themselves, by tolerating the fraternities, admit the possibilities of benefits to be derived from their existence, and the very fact of a chapter's location in connection with a given school implies an obligation on the part of the fraternity to exert some influence for good at that institution.

The types of service rendered by fraternal groups to the institutions where they flourish are so many and varied, and are so modified by local conditions and by the times, that no general statement is adequate. There was a period in the history of our own Fraternity when the chief service was betterment of student-faculty relations. No doubt much could still be done in this direction, but the need has become less acute with the advent of modern standards of education and the modern type of medical student. Nevertheless, chapters should be alert to undesirable situations and quick to act for their improvement. A very real and tangible service which fraternal groups are admirably equipped to render is concerned with scholarship. Admitting occasional exceptions, one may say in all truth that good scholarship is the basis of good practice. If this were not so, there would be little point in demanding certain standards of achievement for graduation and for admission to practice. By emphasis on good scholarship among its members, a fraternal group assists the school in fulfilling its particular function and at the same time furthers the interests of the profession at large. Again, fraternities have an increasingly important responsibility in being virtually the first and probably the most effective agency for developing in future physicians an adequate concept of their changing social and economic relationships. The schools as yet pay but scant attention to such matters. In these and in many other ways, fraternities pay their own passage in general medical school life.

Experience indicates that several relatively small groups, somewhat in competition with each other, serve the ends outlined above more effectively than a single group of any size. In other words, the healthiest fraternity situation is that in which there are several strong and active groups, no one of which too greatly overshadows the rest, particularly as to size. A growing realization of this important fact, added to the consideration that many fraternity problems can be worked out to best advantage through co-operative effort, has given impetus to a system of interfraternity activity whereby the existence of several healthy chapters at a given school is virtually assured. Usually, although not always, the governing body—some sort of interfraternity council or its equivalent—is at first concerned mainly with matters of rushing and pledging. Gradually, these problems become ironed out, and the co-operative effort is aimed at more direct service to the student body and school. Thus, when time and other conditions are favorable, fraternities may have the opportunity not only of strengthening themselves by judicious attention to membership but of increasing the sphere of their influence through co-operation with other bodies having similar aims.

A frequently raised but invalid objection to interfraternity co-operation is the possibility of loss of identity or, more particularly, loss of special fealty to one's own group. The fact is, however, that with a little foresight the co-operative plan can be arranged so as to increase rather than to diminish the competitive spirit among the groups, and to direct it along more sensible and productive channels. Nothing is lost of loyalty, respect, and love for the individual fraternities; much is gained in tolerance, team-work, and actual accomplishment.

The writer, in supporting the idea of interfraternity co-operation, is well aware of the fact that such a system, however generally desirable, cannot be established overnight at every college in the land. Many bridges must be built across many rivers—many people must be convinced, much careful thinking and planning must be done, and the local situation must be favorable—before such a plan will come to fullest fruition. The potentialities are far too precious to risk failure because of premature introduction of the system. But it will be the general rule rather than the exception, and that in no dim and distant future, for chapters of competitive fraternities to pool their efforts along certain lines in the interests of better fraternity life, better school life, and better professional life.

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## Simple Arithmetic

Dues in the Chapter International are now payable. In this connection, a few facts may be of interest. There are several thousand more alumni members of Phi Rho Sigma than there are undergraduate members. THE JOURNAL is sent to every living alumnus whose address is known, as well as to every undergraduate member. On the basis of current allotment, each issue of THE

JOURNAL requires from one to two hundred paid subscriptions. It seems only logical that the major share of this financial burden should fall on the alumni, partly because of their greater numbers and partly because a large proportion of the space is devoted to news of particular interest to alumni. A little simple arithmetic will indicate the approximate cost of publication for a year and will convince you of the need for your support.

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## From the Mail Bag

Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 30, 1939

*Editor, Journal of Phi Rho Sigma:*

I appreciate your kindness in sending me THE JOURNAL and enjoy reading it.

I am taking the liberty of sending a dollar to the Student Loan Fund.

Very truly yours,
M. C. M. S.

(Ed. Note: The above letter of appreciation is from the widow of a Phi Rho. She has asked that her name be retained on the mailing list.)

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## Chapter and Alumni News

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University of Texas School of Medicine, Galveston, is located at 813 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Walter J. Reedy, Jr., is stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Marfa, Texas.

Joseph F. Hoffman is located at 1275 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, Pa.

John J. Penta is located at 4036 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

George F. R. Bowie is located at New Gloucester, Me.

*UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN*

The annual autumn initiation and banquet were held on November 10, 1939. At this ceremony, Edward D. Connor, of Highland Park, Edward P. Mackenzie, of Grosse Pointe, and A. Dale Rush, of Battle Creek, became members of Phi Rho Sigma.

The chapter was honored to have as guest on this occasion Dr. Jonathan Forman, President of Phi Rho Sigma, who was entertained during his visit by Dr. J. M. Sheldon, *Iota*.

An outstanding feature of the banquet was the presentation of two cups to members of Zeta Chapter as scholarship awards. One of these prizes was donated by Dr. Sheldon, and was presented to the member who had obtained the best grades in Junior Medicine. Edgar A. Webb was the lucky winner. The other cup was awarded for the highest grades in Junior Obstetrics, and went to H. M. Jesurun, by an eyebrow. This latter cup was the gift of Dr. Norman R. Kretschmar, of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Other speakers at the banquet were Dr. Samuel W. Donaldson, who welcomed the new members, Edward Mackenzie, who responded for the initiates, and Dr. Brace. Ernst F. Lang was toastmaster.

With the aid of undergraduates and alumni alike, the chapter house has been redecorated and partially refurnished.

Martin A. Mortensen is now at 92 N. Washington Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

Earl B. Ritchie is located at Middleville, Mich.

Howard B. Baker has been elected president of the Detroit Academy of Natural Sciences for the current year.

*UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA*

Alfred H. Griess is located at State College, Pa.

Paul N. Morrow has moved from Fremont, Nebraska, to 107 South 17th Street, Omaha.

Mark R. Rhea is stationed at U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

John D. Hamer is located at Tiger, Arizona.

James P. Donelan is with the Guarantee Mutual Life Company, 18th and Douglass Street, Omaha.

Walter E. Landis is located at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Linus W. Hewitt is specializing in Urology at the St. Luke's Hospital in Bluefield, W. Va.

Walter J. Wherry announces change of address from Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital, Boston, to 1500 Medical Arts Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska.

*OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY*

John D. Hathaway has completed his hospital work at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and is located at 125 S. Grant Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Frank C. Jackson has moved from Putney, Kentucky, to 640 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Lowell A. Erf, formerly with the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York City, is at the University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

Lambert J. Kerschgens is located at 224 N. State Street, Steubenville, Ohio.

*UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA*

Dr. Arthur C. Morgan, Associate Editor of THE JOURNAL and one of Phi Rho Sigma's most-loved members, was a guest of his own chapter, Lambda Phi, on Thursday evening, January 11. Those of the Lambda Phi house have come to look forward keenly to his visits, and as always Dr. Morgan found himself the center of a very enthusiastic group. Evidence of his interest in the Fraternity and of his most remarkable memory was furnished when Dr. Morgan selected at random from his vast collection of signatures of Phi Rho members and gave many interesting details about each man. In his talk he expressed the importance of true fraternal spirit not only within, but among all medical fraternities, and among all members of the profession.

The following internship appointments have been received by the fourth year men of Lambda Phi Chapter: Martin Bomberger, Harrisburg Hospital; James

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## *Chapter Members at Alpha Nu*

The following members of Alpha Nu Chapter in Galveston, Texas, who were initiated into Phi Rho Sigma during the installation ceremonies on November 4, 1939, are: Back row, left to right: Dr. S. S. Bowen, G. B. Marsh, C. B. Goolsby, M. J. McSween, J. A. Welty, B. C. Payne, R. G. Heye, J. L. Coleman, W. S. Parks, T. U. Taylor, J. Arnold, F. S. Springall, E. E. Garber, W. L. Carrington, D. C. Carrington, E. I. Bruce, J. S. Roden, E. A. Ellingson, E. W. Clawater, J. E. Alexander. Front row, left to right: S. P. R. Hutchins, B. Breath, J. T. Downs, G. M. Juneman, T. M. McMillan, J. Pruitt, F. H. Aves, A. V. Bankhead, C. R. Goodwin, R. H. Kirkpatrick.

## Alpha Nu Chapter House

The home of Alpha Nu Chapter, 523 Tenth Street, Galveston, Texas.

## New Surgical Atlas

The first of its kind in nearly a century, an *Atlas of Surgical Operations*, by Drs. Elliott C. Cutler, *Nu*, and Robert Zollinger, *Omega*, has recently been released by the publishers. The outstanding feature of this momentous work is its inclusion, in a single volume, of minute descriptions and illustrations of all of the most common surgical and gynecological operations. Such detailed information over so large a field of surgery has heretofore been available only in scattered sources.

The book is profusely illustrated with excellent pen-drawings of step-by-step procedure. The text is arranged for ease in following the various stages of technique: text appropriate to the illustrations is placed on pages facing the cuts. A concise outline of indications, pre-operative care, anesthesia, technique, and post-operative care is also included.

Much care and thought have been devoted to the selection of material to be included in the atlas. Only those procedures which have stood the test of time and which have become more or less standard are presented.

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## William Beaumont Award

The late Dr. Frank Smithies, *Zeta*, endowed an annual prize in memory of William Beaumont, which is awarded by a committee to the student or faculty member who submits the best original work on diseases of the alimentary tract. The 1938 award was made to Alexander J. Nedzel.

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Harris, Germantown Hospital and Dispensary; Creig Hoyt, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh; Jack Hurst, Altoona Hospital; Floyd Landis, Lancaster General Hospital; Henrik Locke, Cooper Hospital, Camden; Max Moravec, Gallinger Municipal Hospital, Washington, D. C.; George Perrine, Cincinnati General Hospital; and Philip Zulick, Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia.

One of the most looked-forward-to events of the year for Penn medical students was held on Saturday, February 10. This was the annual Inter-Fraternity Ball, which took place at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton.

The annual basketball competition between the medical fraternities at Penn is getting under way. The Phi Rho entry will be striving for its third consecutive championship. With but one of last year's team graduated, and with a likely bunch of first year boys eager for action, prospects are bright.

On Saturday, December 9, 1939, the three Philadelphia chapters held a joint initiation in the Lambda Phi chapter house. On the same evening, a Tri-Chapter Ball was held at the Stephen Girard Hotel. The dance was well attended both by alumni and by undergraduates. Prominent among the alumni present were Drs. Macneill, Roscoe, and Morton.

The following freshmen were initiated: Hugh Allen, Bernard Coppollo, Ralph Davies, Lynwood Keller, Paul Miller, John Moyer, Arlington Nagle, Ira Rapp, Robert Rupp, Arthur Shaul, and Courtland Van Deusen. In addition, two sophomores and one member of the junior class were welcomed into the brotherhood. The sophomore initiates were Henry Simmonds and Howard Stein; the junior was Miles Garber. By special arrangement, Dr. Davis, of Rochester, N. Y., was initiated as a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Lambda Phi Chapter has elected the following officers for the 1940 term: President, James Dickson; Vice-president, Curtis Ruff; Secretary, Henry Simmonds; Treasurer, Stephen Dodd; House Manager, Gordon Massey; Corresponding Secretary, Paul Miller; Custodian of Robes, John Moyer; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lynwood Keller.

Benjamin W. Black, Superintendent of the Alameda County Hospitals, Oakland, California, is president-elect of the American Hospital Association and will assume office as president at the annual meeting to be held in Boston in 1940.

F. E. Ward and F. W. Ward announce their association in the practice of medicine at 1121 Ferry Street, Easton, Pa.

Clark H. Yeager who has been with the Rockefeller Foundation at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America, is taking post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, Md.

Edward N. Smith is located at 217 Plaza Court, Oklahoma City, Okla.

M. Fraser Percival was elected president of the Medical Club of Philadelphia at its recent annual election.

Henry P. Close announces the opening of offices for the practice of Medicine at 5600 Greene St., Germantown, Philadelphia.

Herman A. Fischer is now editor of the *Bulletin of The Luzerne County Medical Society*.

*UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH*

Since the holidays, sickness has interfered materially with the activities of Chi Chapter. President Ruhe was out for several days with an upper respiratory tract infection and later on account of athletic injuries, but he is now back in harness, and things should soon begin to pop.

A program of clinics and operations for the enlightenment of the pledges is being arranged by Joe Miller. Plans are also under way for the spring formal dance, which will probably be held the first part of April. Al Kraft, as chairman of the social committee, will be in charge of arrangements.

On Saturday, February 3, all roads led to Alcoma Country Club, where the annual dance sponsored by the Medical Interfraternity Council was held. Attendance exceeded a hundred couples, and many Phi Rho's were present.

Phi Rho Sigma is currently represented on the Interfraternity Council by Edwin Keppel and Robert Wallace. Brother Wallace is now serving his second term as a member of the council, and he occupies the post of secretary-treasurer.

Galen M. Hover is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kan.

George D. Newton, is located at St. Louis, Mo., New Federal Building.

Richard S. Clark's new address is 901 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

Bingham Boyce is located at Bridgeville, Pa.

Elmer R. Hodil, formerly of West Sunbury, Pa., and later resident in the Tuberculosis League Hospital at Pittsburgh, is now a member of the staff of Devitt's Camp, Allenwood, Pa. He is now a member of the Lycoming (Pa.) County Medical Society.

Thomas A. Lambie, well known medical missionary to Ethiopia, has published a book called *A Doctor Without a Country*. This work is included in the latest edition of Dr. William J. Stapleton's famous "One Hundred Books for the Doctor".

C. H. Henninger, President of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, gets around. He has recently attended meetings in Allentown, Newport, Scranton, and Williamsport.

At the January 4 staff meeting of Passavant Hospital, S. M. Hankey and D. L. Rees presented a ten-year review of cases of cancer of the bladder and prostate.

C. L. Palmer, Chairman of the Healing Arts Advisory Committee to the Public Assistance Department of the State of Pennsylvania, spoke on "Public Assistance Medical Service in Pennsylvania" before the State Conference of Social Workers, at Wilkes-Barre, February 1.

A. H. Colwell presented a paper on "Heparin Treatment of Malignant Endocarditis" at the regular scientific meeting of the staffs of Presbyterian and Women's Hospitals, February 2, 1940.

H. T. Foley and H. A. Cochran, Jr., were co-authors with Dr. W. F. Brennan in the presentation of a paper on "Severe

Fatal Jaundice Following Influenzal Pneumonia" at the same meeting.

D. P. Greenlee spoke on "Malignancy of the Gall Bladder" before the regular scientific meeting of the Allegheny County Medical Society, February 20, 1940.

S. M. Hankey, with Louis Bernstein, discussed "The Conservative Treatment of Hydronephrosis" before the Pittsburgh Urological Association, February 12, 1940.

*RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE*

Clifford W. Wells, who is with the Rockefeller Foundation, has moved from Kingston, Jamaica, to San Jose, Costa Rica, C. A.

Karl W. Thiege is located at 4425 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

James E. Arnold has moved to Virginia, Minn., 231 Second Street, North.

William H. Riley, who has been stationed at Station Hospital, Ft. Douglas, Utah, is at 635 Belmont Ave., Fresno, Cal.

Arthur D. Miessner's new address is Port Clinton, Ohio.

Arthur V. Cole is located at 6827 Kennedy St., Hammond, Ind.

Chester B. Thrift has moved from Chicago to 1135 Madison St., Oak Park, Ill.

*MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA*

Chi Delta Chapter completed its most successful rushing season of several years in October, 1939. The following men were pledged: Thomas Murrah, Union; Stacey Burnett, Spartanburg; James Bryson, Laurens; Lewis Davis, Donalds; Frank Woodruff, Woodruff; Thomas Stanfield, Cordova; Wilson Whitesides, Columbia; Niles Borop, Cordova; Fred Fellows, Columbia; Clyde Conrad, Columbia; John League, Simpsonville, and Charles Mims, Florence. These men were selected with care, and they promise to uphold the high standards of the fraternity.

This chapter is looking forward to "Medical Ball" week-end, which is one of the more enjoyable social events of the year. The Ball is held annually at the Hibernian Hall on historic Meeting Street on the first Friday evening in March. The next afternoon Chi Delta invites the medical student body, faculty, and alumni to its annual Tea Dance. Last year our Regional Councilor, Dr. and Mrs. George A. Williams, and James Algood attended, in addition to a goodly number of alumni from this chapter. Dr. Williams addressed the fraternity group at a post-dance banquet at the Fort Sumter Hotel. We hope that he and Mrs. Williams will be able to join us again this year.

Dr. Jesse Gordon Seastrunk, who is physician at Ridgewood Sanitarium, Columbia, S. C., visited the chapter house recently. Dr. J. L. King, interne at Columbia General Hospital, accompanied him.

Dr. W. S. Hall and Dr. William M. Fox are resident physicians at the S. C. State Hospital.

The senior members of Chi Delta have secured the following internship appointments: E. Lowry Shuler and John W. Bell, Greenville General Hospital, Greenville, S. C.; Charles E. Zimmerman and James T. Flynn, Jr., Roper Hospital, Charleston, S. C.; Moffatt H. Wylie, University Hospital, Augusta, Ga.

Jim Wells, Charles Zimmerman, Lowry Shuler, Jack Bell, and Jimmie Flynn go to the same institution February 3, 1940, for one week to receive practical experience in Psychiatry. They are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the course.

Jesse B. Floyd is located at Great Falls, S. C.

We extend greetings to the newest Chapters of Phi Rho Sigma, Alpha Omicron at Baylor, and Alpha Nu at the University of Texas.

*UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*

Delta Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma is located at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. The work of the first two years is done on the university campus in University Park, while the last two years are spent in clinical teaching at the Los Angeles General Hospital, which is a three-thousand bed hospital, all under one roof. In addition, the senior classes attend the Children's Hospital and other hospitals in town. The diploma is held up until each student has successfully completed his intern year.

The first class of the re-organized group of Phi Rho Sigma was initiated February 7th, 1930. In addition to those mentioned in the recent JOURNAL: William D. Radcliffe is practicing in Belen, New Mexico; Henry L. Saverien is in Sacramento, California; Gaston J. Baus is practicing Pediatrics in Glendale, California, and George Hall Douglass is in general practice in Los Angeles.

In the second class, which was graduated in 1935: Donald B. Gibboney is practicing Orthopedic Surgery in Los Angeles; William J. Hogan has been with the C.C.C. in Southern California; John Hromadka is associated in general surgical practice in Santa Monica, California; Donald W. Moffatt is in Vancouver, British Columbia; and Carl J. Paul is associated in general practice in Orange, Cal.

In the 1936 graduating class: John C. Bartlett is at Alameda County Hospital, Oakland, California; Samuel G. Christian is in practice in Sacramento; Charles Cutshaw is at Brawley, California; Russel Hadley is in practice in Hollywood; and Horace Jamison is resident in Radiology at Los Angeles County Hospital.

The 1937 graduating class finds: Elmer Carlson in practice in Ontario, California; Harold Galbraith in Ventura, California; Arthur Dahlgren in government service in Atlanta, Georgia; Lowell Emmons in Ontario, California; Francis Guinney and Ralph Milliken both associated in Los Angeles.

The class of 1938 has been mentioned in previous issues of THE JOURNAL.

The University of Southern California Medical School Faculty is prominently studded with Phi Rho Sigma members who occupy key positions in the teaching activities.

Dr. Arthur H. Domann of Orange, California, recently passed away, and Dr. Frank A. Phillips of Pasadena, California, passed away some time ago.

The Alumni Association of Southern California is active in its work and preliminary steps are being made towards the eventual ownership of a home for Delta Chapter when the new medical school is built. The building of the new medical school is a matter of interest to all graduates of the University of Southern California, and it is understood that this

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## Tragedy in Technicolor

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Monday, September 6 (Labor Day), becomes quite disconcerted and rushes to the local hospital. Here, after displaying her union card, she is admitted to the obstetrical ward by Dr. Jess Tashun, an intern at your cervix, and is attended by Nurse Bertha Kontrolle (of the United States Pubic Health). There follows considerable confusion, during which one sees the orderly, Phil Phlatus, bring first obstetrical forceps, then ice tongs, and finally a can of T. N. T. to the delivery room. Following an explosion which rocks the foundations of the hospital, the nurse is seen carrying out Virginia's mistake, Enzio Enuresis, a deceitful little seatful. Enzio is a mere six feet one inch in height.

The hero, being a forgiving soul, drops in at the hospital, and there finds Virginia and Enzio. Realizing that Hernia is probably the guilty individual, he rushes to the villain's apartment to find him playing jacks and drinking straight shots of milk. There ensues a terrific battle, with Umberto emerging the victor. While looking after his wounds, Umberto notices the similarity between himself and Enzio, and returns to the hospital to ask Virginia's forgiveness. The couple is married, and the hospital staff, forgetful of poor Enzio, rejoice. Returning to Enzio, we find that the poor lad, by virtue of the beer he has consumed, has been forced to keep his crib and himself afloat with water wings and a set of oars. No one has told him that rubber diapers leak now and then.

The final scene shows Umberto placidly reading his newspaper and Virginia back in her former shape of being distorted by increasing girth—and, the pains came.

In various portions of the picture, there pops up a most peculiar individual who apparently has nothing to do with the story. He is the modern attempt by the writers and producers to depict the reaction of the audience. (We don't get it, either.)

## Kappa Chapter House

Kappa's New Home, 11310 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, Ohio

## Letter to His Father

*From a member of Kappa Chapter*

Cleveland, Ohio
February 2, 1940

Dear Dad:

Kappa Chapter has a new house, and are we proud of it! It's the pride of the whole chapter for it is on Bellflower Road, just three blocks off campus, which means a lot after that long hike we had from the old house.

We expect to move within a few days. As soon as we are settled we plan a bang-up house-warming. The Executive Council will hold its Spring meeting in Cleveland early in March, so look for an alumni letter inviting you to come for an initiation dinner and an inspection of our new house. This get-together will give the active chapter an excellent opportunity to thank personally Brothers Harry Piercy, Charles Swan, Hart Davis, Charles Kinney, Howard Taylor, and Willard Brugler for all they did in actually putting over the deal that made the new house possible, as well as you, and about 100 other alumni who contributed generously toward the house fund.

Some of our neighbors in this block are Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, and Beta Theta Pi.

Alumni committees are being organized to aid in rushing, grounds and building, and finances, the latter consisting of an alumni advisor for each chapter officer. A women's auxilliary is also getting under way to help us in furnishing and decorating the new house.

So you see, Dad, Kappa Chapter has a lot to be proud of: a grand new group of initiates, a beautiful new house, and a group of alumni that has shown its unceasing interest in the Chapter, an interest we value and hope will always be maintained.

Hope you'll be over soon to see our new quarters: we have lots of room, so come any time.

As ever,
Bob

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## Cleveland Health Lectures

The Tenth Annual Series of Free Public Health Lectures, under the auspices of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland, the Albert Fairchild Holden Foundation of Western Reserve University, and the Cleveland Medical Library Association, was held in February. Charles E. Kinney, *Kappa*, was one of the three speakers, his subject being, "Conserving Your Hearing".

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## Interfraternity Conference

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organization to perform more fully its particular functions.

At present, there are twenty-seven member fraternities in good standing. Phi Rho Sigma has been a member since 1928, and Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa*, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Conference.

## Chapter and Alumni News

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is to take place in the not too distant future.

*STANFORD UNIVERSITY*

Edward A. Macklin finished his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and is practicing at Kelseyville, Cal.

Austin M. Clark is located at 820 First Street, Woodland, Cal.

Mark S. Curtis is stationed at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Roderick M. Neale is a fellow at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Louis F. Seapy is located at 114 East 7th Street, Long Beach, Cal.

Paul J. Hanzlik has developed a new substance to be used in the treatment of syphilis. The new drug, called Sobisminol, is now being subjected to extensive clinical tests.

*ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY*

Edward M. Baskerville has moved from Aurora, Ill., to Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Monte C. Etherton is with the C.C.C. at Bartlesville, Okla.

Charles Porkorney, Jr., is practicing at Woodward, Ia.

Francis C. Curtzwiler has completed his hospital work at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, and is located at 421 Michigan St., Toledo, Ohio.

*TEMPLE UNIVERSITY*

At the Tri-Chapter initiation held in Philadelphia on December 9, 1939, the following were initiated into Alpha Lambda Chapter: Roy Allen, Joseph Durnin, William Hanisek, Clarence Lehman, John Leifer, Howard Pratt, Donald Rice, Edward Uhrich, Grover Verbe, and Rybachok Taraf. Brother Taraf is a member of the junior class. The other initiates are freshmen.

Joseph W. Allwein is located at Newville, Pa., and Joseph F. Morrison at Towanda, Pa.

*UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE*

Luther A. Brendle is located at 309 Market Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

Edward N. Stevenson has moved from Clinton, Tenn., to Seagraves, Texas.

Trent O. Huff is located at Petros, Tenn.

James H. Litton is located at Milledgeville, Ga.

Joe G. Hufstedler is at the Watts Bar Dam, Spring City, Tenn.

Charles C. Clarke has a position with the C. C. C., Huntsville, Alabama.

Glen L. Yates is located at Glen Ridge, N. J.

*TULANE UNIVERSITY*

Lee J. Alexander, who has been taking post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, has returned to Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Tex.

Elda S. Coyle is located at Camp Beauregard, La.

Roger I. Wall has completed his hospital services at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, New York, and is practicing at 127 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh, N. C.

Gustave W. Thomasson is located at 3600 Fairmount Street, Dallas, Tex.

*MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA*

Edgar M. Sager is stationed at the Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii.

John C. Neale is practicing at Abingdon, Va.

Leonard I. Hoke is at Nitro, W. Va.

Seth Gayle, Jr., is located at Washington, D. C., Munitions Building.

*WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY*

Major Loren D. Moore has recently completed two years as pathologist at the Board of Health Laboratory, Gorgas Hospital, Canal Zone, and writes that it has been a very enjoyable and profitable experience. He has been assigned to duty at the Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C., where he will be located for the next four years.

Tim V. Richey is located at El Cajon, California.

Albert T. Hume is practicing at Elsberry, Mo.

Russell D. Harris is at 304 Grand St., Carthage, Mo.

*WAYNE UNIVERSITY*

On October 21, 1939, Epsilon Chapter and her guests were royally entertained by C. K. Valade. Dr. Valade's fraternity parties are a tradition at Epsilon, and none of the undergraduates would think of missing them. The evening was spent in "riotous living" as the boys gambled away and won fortunes (in stage money). When one finally went broke, there was the ping-pong table or the victrola, with a dandy collection of swing tunes, for further entertainment. Refreshments were served, completing a most enjoyable evening. A large group of alumni attended.

The chapter entertained on November 22, 1939, giving a rushing party in the new chapter rooms. The fair sex was exceptionally well represented. Guests of Epsilon Chapter on this occasion were: Howard Baker, John Bovill, Norman Brey, Henry Burkhardt, David Burnham, Robert Byberg, Herbert Devine, Frank D'Handt, William Fenner, James Fryfogle, R. Hammer, Walter Hassig, Merrill Hershey, M. Kelsen, Richard Larned, George Pendy, Fred Schaaf, R. Stojkovich, George Stump, Jack Buckley, Bob Dietsche, Bob Walsh, and Frank Nolan.

Lawrence Grate has recently been elected treasurer in place of Fred Brown.

On December 7, the chapter and 12 pledges were entertained at the Wayne County Medical Society by Drs. William Bromme, Walter J. Wilson, Jr., and Edward A. Wishropp. The occasion was the traditional pledge banquet. Prospective members who attended were: Howard Baker, Morton Bates, David Burnham, Robert Byberg, Merrill Hershey, Walter Hassig, Malcolm Kelsen, George Pendy, Leo Saraf, Roy Stojkovich, George Stump, and William Taurence. Harold Tremaine, a rushee, also attended. Following the banquet, all adjourned to the new chapter quarters.

Recent contributors to the *Journal of Wayne University College of Medicine* are: Wm. J. Stapleton, Jr., Douglas Donald, Frederick Schreiber, Stanley W. Insley, Franklin H. Top, and Robert C. Moehlig.

Arthur J. Seaborn and Mrs. Seaborn are vacationing at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Harold J. Hammond is at present confined to the hospital at U. S. Veterans Facility, Dearborn, Mich.

C. J. Candler was recently appointed a member of the Detroit Board of Health Commission.

The following are councilors of Wayne County Medical Society: T. K. Gruber, R. C. Jamieson, and Allan McDonald. Dr. McDonald is also president-elect of the society.

C. D. Brooks, T. H. Hunt, C. G. Johnston, B. H. Larsson, L. R. Leader, and G. C. Penberthy attended the clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons in Philadelphia last October.

Don Cohoe, R. S. Goux, and J. C. Gemeroy attended the meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmologists and Oto-laryngologists at Chicago in October.

A. J. Lehman spoke before the Detroit Physiological Society, November 30, 1939.

The following Phi Rho's spoke at the Annual National Convention of the Association of Medical Students held in Detroit during the Christmas holidays: Douglas Donald, C. G. Johnston, F. H. Top, and W. J. Wilson, Jr.

T. K. Gruber spoke on "Michigan Medical Service" at the Dearborn Medical Society meeting on November 7, 1939. Dr. Gruber has recently been made a diplomate by the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

William J. Stapleton, Jr., is at present acting dean of Wayne University College of Medicine.

J. L. Glees is medical director at Briggs Manufacturing Company.

G. C. Penberthy spoke on "Congenital Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis" at Grace Hospital, November 21, 1939.

Richard F. Kuhn is now at 5803 West Vernor Highway, Detroit.

Reuben I. Seime has located at 306 W. Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak, Mich.

Wayne B. Slaughter is at 1713 David Whitney Building.

A. W. Nickels is now located at 10836 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit.

K. W. Linsenmann is at Midland, Michigan.

R. E. Boucher is located at 617 Washington Square Building, Royal Oak, Michigan.

C. A. Coates, *Kappa*, is at 10149 Michigan, Detroit.

K. C. MacPherson, *Zeta*, is at 461 Fisher Building, Detroit.

C. H. Clausen is located at 512 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

*WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY*

Through the efforts of the Board of Directors of the Medical Fraternity Company, Kappa Chapter has purchased a new home at 11310 Bellflower Road and has sold its former home on Wade Park Avenue. The chapter expects to move to its new location about February 15. It is a spacious house, well-adapted to the needs of the chapter, and all alumni are cordially invited to visit the boys in their new home.

Kappa Chapter held its first smoker for 1940 on February 5. Dr. Normand L. Hoerr, Professor of Anatomy, presented a most interesting illustrated talk on "Physiological Anatomy". There was a good attendance of undergraduates and alumni.

## *New Quarters for Epsilon*

Unable to occupy the rooms previously reported in THE JOURNAL because the lessee lost his lease to the property, Epsilon Chapter has bounced back in true Phi Rho fashion by renting even better quarters on the third floor of the Madison Square Building, 650 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit. This location is close to the medical school, and seems to be eminently satisfactory for its purpose.

The Epsilon quarters consist of a single large room. Members of the chapter completed the renovating and furnishing in the short period of ten days, finishing just in time to hold a rushing party. Alumni have been most generous in assisting with the furnishings. Gifts from F. W. Hyde, C. K. Valade, A. W. Erkfitz, R. A. Bruehl, R. G. Fogt, Harold J. Hammond, and Carl J. Sprunk have made the new room a cozy, convenient, and practical base for the chapter, complete with study corner, recreation facilities, and bar. At present, Epsilon has the nucleus of a useful chapter library, and plans contemplate enlarging this with gifts of books and journals from alumni.

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## Phi Rhos in Recent Medical Literature

*(Reprints received at the Central office)*

OHIO STATE. WALTER F. DUTTON (*Omega*, Amarillo, Tex.):
Headaches and Head Pains: A Ready Reference Manual for Physicians. F. A. Davis Co., $4.50.
A successful attempt to emphasize the importance and significance of headache. The book is planned along special lines with which you may disagree. Most reviewers, however, are saying that the book is worthy of a place in the physician's library, an opinion in which I heartily concur.
Jonathan Forman

NEBRASKA. A. E. BENNETT (*Iota*, Omaha), J. C. NIELSEN, A. H. FECHNER, and P. T. CASH: Combined Artificial Fever and Chemotherapy in Dementia Paralytica. Arch. Phys. Therap. 20: 620, October, 1939.
A. E. BENNETT: Metrazol Convulsive Shock Therapy in Affective Psychoses. Am. J. Med. Sc. 198: 695, November, 1939.
C. J. BAUMGARTNER (*Iota*, Los Angeles): Congenital Lesions of the Neck. J. A. M. A. 113: 1860, Nov. 18, 1939.

## Maternal and Child Health

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delivery and hospitalization when necessary. The limited funds now available are, of course, wholly inadequate to pay for medical and hospital care of the more than 200,000 women annually who are not delivered by physicians, and there are, of course, even more who receive wholly inadequate medical or hospital care. Thirty-eight per cent, or 2 out of every 5, maternal deaths in the United States occur at home. So large a proportion as this indicates that a lack of hospital facilities or the inability of patients to obtain hospital care are important factors in the provision of adequate maternal care. Payments from maternal and child health funds to local practicing physicians for medical care of maternity patients throughout pregnancy, delivery, and the puerperium average about $25 per case, the fee being somewhat less when prenatal care has been given in a prenatal clinic. Payment for service is usually contingent upon the patient's receiving certain standards of maternal care.

TABLE I
PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AND SERVICES
1940 State Maternal and Child Health Plans
Approved by the Children's Bureau

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| 418 physicians on state and local staffs | $1,051,459.50 |
| For services of practicing physicians | 336,292.84 |
| 68 dentists on state and local staffs | 197,074.50 |
| 33 dental hygienists on state and local staffs | 66,883.00 |
| For services of practicing dentists and dental hygienists | 152,898.31 |
| 2,760 public-health nurses on state and local staffs | 3,920,528.64 |
| For services of local graduate nurses | 12,337.02 |
| 49 nutritionists on state and local staffs | 139,260.00 |
| 40 health educators on state and local staffs | 125,918.50 |
| For postgraduate education: medical, dental, nursing | 252,530.64 |

In the expenditure of public funds for medical and hospital care, every precaution must be taken that the patients are provided with a satisfactory standard of medical service and hospitalization. The methods of administration of public funds for medical and hospital care must be established along sound lines which will ensure public confidence. The greatest problem of public medical care in many local communities today is the confusion among agencies responsible for administration and the lack of public health and medical leadership. Medical care cannot be handed out like surplus commodities. It takes a staff of trained personnel to allocate the funds for the greatest benefit of the people to be served, to establish and maintain standards of medical and hospital care which will ensure the patient's receiving the best care available, and to make wise decisions with respect to the population to be served and how individuals will be selected for care.

Other types of medical service in the maternal and child health program would include maternal and infant mortality studies. In most of the states groups of interested obstetricians, working in co-operation with the state health departments, are studying all the factors concerned with each maternal death in an effort to determine how best to bring about a further reduction of mortality and morbidity. These studies, when carefully planned and properly carried out, and when efforts are made to correct some of the inadequancies of care discovered, have been extremely valuable and are in no small part responsible for the striking reduction in the number of maternal deaths during the past two years.

Supervision and regulation of hospitals accepting maternity patients is one of the functions of 16 state health departments. Improvement of facilities and equipment of hospitals providing care for maternity patients and newborn infants has not kept pace with the increasing number of hospital deliveries. Conditions in some of the smaller maternity homes and in many general hospitals are wholly inadequate for the safe care of mothers and infants. Physicians and nurses on the staffs of state health departments co-operating with hospital staffs and practicing physicians, can be of great assistance in improving standards of hospital care for maternity patients and newborn infants.

Postgraduate medical education in Obstetrics and Pediatrics has become an important aspect of the maternal and child health programs. The state health agencies have made a splendid contribution in providing the initial stimulus in many states for initiating regular graduate courses for practicing physicians. Lecture courses and clinics in Obstetrics and Pediatrics held in several hundred communities are attended by some 10,000 practicing physicians each year. Also several state health departments are now financing short clinical courses in co-operation with universities and large teaching hospitals. For the lecture courses given throughout the state, the speakers are paid a maximum of $25 per day plus travel expenses.

TABLE II
MEDICAL MATERNAL AND CHILD-HEALTH SERVICES
Reported by State Health Agencies for Calendar Year 1938.

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| MATERNITY: | |
| Individuals admitted to prenatal clinics | 119,022 |
| Visits to prenatal clinics | 343,426 |
| Individuals given postpartum medical examination | 22,620 |
| INFANT: | |
| Individuals admitted to medical service | 164,820 |
| Visits to medical conferences | 563,008 |
| PRESCHOOL: | |
| Individuals admitted to medical service | 266,865 |
| Visits to medical conferences | 501,981 |
| SCHOOL: | |
| Examinations by physicians | 1,853,196 |
| IMMUNIZATIONS: | |
| Smallpox | 1,690,232 |
| Diptheria | 1,172,804 |

Nursing assistance for home deliveries, although not strictly a medical aspect of the maternal and child health program, deserves mention under this subject. Several of the states in selected areas employ additional public health nurses who have had some special training in obstetric nursing. As a part of their general public health duties, these nurses render assistance to the physicians at home deliveries and often supply carefully prepared sterile drapes, caps, masks, gowns, gloves, and other equipment. In certain rural areas that type of trained assistance has made it possible for the physicians to render a far better medical service than heretofore.

There are, of course, many other activities in the maternal and

child health programs throughout the country which are medical or closely allied services, such as dental, nutrition, health education, and the essental contributions of the public health nurse during the prenatal and postpartum period.

All appointments of full-time personnel in these programs are now made in each state under Civil Service or other merit systems of personnel administration.

Table I shows the proposed expenditures for professional personnel and services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940.

Table II shows some of the medical activities reported for the calendar year 1938.

THE AUTHOR

Edwin Francis Daily was born in 1904 and attended the University of Colorado, where he became a member of Psi Chapter and graduated in medicine in 1929. Following his internship, Dr. Daily became house officer in Obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1930 and was resident at the Howard A. Kelley Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, the following year. He accepted a residency at the University of Chicago and was Instructor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of that university in the Chicago Lying-In Hospital in 1931.

Since 1936 he has been on leave of absence from the University of Chicago in order to assume his position as Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health of the United States Children's Bureau, which post he occupies at the present time.

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## Testimonial to Pottenger

Francis M. Pottenger, *Delta*, founder of the famous Pottenger Sanatorium and Clinic at Monrovia, California, was given a testimonial dinner by the Los Angeles Trudeau Society on the evening of September 26, 1939, in celebration of his seventieth birthday. A member of the first Board of Councilors of the American College of Physicians, Dr. Pottenger was instrumental in initiating anti-tuberculosis work in Southern California with the founding, in 1902, of the Anti-Tuberculosis League. This organization preceded, by two years, the founding of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The staff of the Pottenger Sanatorium and Clinic has recently announced the opening of a new children's clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of allergic and underdeveloped children.

## Don't Give Us the Slip!

Instead, send it to Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, 10515 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, with your check for dues in the Chapter International. While you are about it, you may as well add another dollar for the Elliott Dollar Student Loan Fund. You can deduct it from your income tax. Merely fill out the enclosed slip, attach check, and mail. Do it today.

## Abbott Gifts

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According to a recent announcement by President Franklyn B. Snyder, the new eighteen-story dormitory now under construction on the Chicago campus of Northwestern University will be named Abbott Hall. Although the funds will not be used in the construction of this building, the bequest has simplified the problem of financing the sky-scraper dormitory. The present plan is to use the Abbott gift to support a foundation for clinical research. At the University of Chicago, the plan is to rename the already completed Physiological Building, calling it the Abbott Memorial Building. The bequest will enable the University of Chicago to obtain an additional grant of $1,500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for research in the biological sciences.

The Victory Memorial Hospital will be enabled to reopen its nurses' school, closed during the depression. Further plans for use of the funds have not yet been announced.

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## The President Cooks

Amongst the multitudinous talents of our president, Dr. Jonathan Forman, *Omega*, cooking is not the least important. At least, that is the report from all who have been privileged to partake of the fruits of his culinary endeavors. Vague rumors of the president's masterful touch with sauce-pan and skillet have been floating around the editorial office for some time. As noted in the last issue of THE JOURNAL, these rumors crystallized into unquestioned fact through a report from Omega Chapter of a splendid party, with one J. Forman as chef. At the affair in question, shrimp seemed to be the center of attraction. Another and more recent bulletin from the same quarter informs us that on December 13 the president again donned cap and apron in the kitchen of the Omega chapter house. This time, the fraters were regaled with Cherrystone clams—plus trimmings. Forman cooked everything but the beer. The guarded hope has been repeatedly expressed that the president will be able to attend the next convention banquet. Presiding at the stove may not be as important as presiding at the sessions of the convention—but then again, who knows?

## Allen Moves to Washington University

Announcement has been made by Dean P. A. Shaffer of Washington University Medical School that Willard M. Allen, *Alpha Kappa*, until recently at the University of Rochester, has accepted the post of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the St. Louis school. He began his professorial duties on January 1, and will take over administrative functions as head of the department July 1. Dr. Allen succeeds Dr. Otto H. Schwarz.

The researches of Dr. Allen in the field of endocrinology are well known. He received the first Eli Lilly award in biological chemistry in 1935 for work on the internal secretions of the ovary, leading to the synthesis of progesterone. He is, in addition, an experienced gynecologist, and was, up to the time of his present appointment, a faculty member at the University of Rochester in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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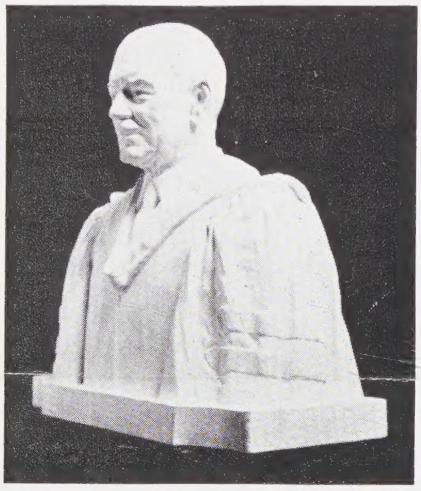
## Bad Odor

According to a Columbus news dispatch, a fraternity house on the Ohio State campus was recently invaded by a kitty with a white stripe down its back. The chapter mascot saw fit to repel the intruder. Chapter and mascot then abandoned the property until such time as the effects of the encounter had worn off.

## Chapter Eternal

Seneca Egbert, *Lambda Phi*, died of acute pulmonary edema on December 6, 1939, at his home in Wayne, Pa. Dr. Egbert was born in Mercer County, Pa., February 17, 1863. His early education was secured in Franklin (Pa.) High School and Phillips Andover Academy. He attended Princeton University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1884 and that of Master of Arts in 1887. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1888.



DR. SENECA EGBERT
(Bust by Joseph L. Boulton)

From his early days, Dr. Egbert had a continuous career in teaching medical students. Beginning as Demonstrator in Hygiene at the University of Pennsylvania (1887-90), he was successively Lecturer in Hygiene at Drexel Institute (1892-93), Professor of Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene in the college department of Temple University (1895-98), Lecturer in Hygiene in the Protestant Episcopal Church Training School (1898-1939), Professor of Hygiene at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia and Dean of its Department of Medicine (1898-1916), and Professor of Hygiene and Associate Dean at the University of Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1933. He was the author of *Manual of Hygiene and Sanitation*, which had a very large sale and continues to bring royalties even today.

Dr. Egbert was a major in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army and served at Camp Hancock for approximately six months. Following this period, he returned to civil life and resumed his medical teaching. While dean of the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, he was made an honorary member of Lambda Phi Chapter and maintained a paternal interest in all matters pertaining to Phi Rho Sigma. At the same time, he was catholic in his approach to all fraternities, making no invidious distinction at any time. The doctor frequently visited Lambda Phi Chapter, sometimes for lunch, sometimes to leave a book or a package of journals for the members. In season and out, Dr. Egbert was a loyal member of the Fraternity.

Subsequent to his retirement from active teaching, Dr. Egbert maintained a healthy and happy interest in things medical, and interested himself in large degree in civic improvements. In 1936, he presented a prospectus, drawn up in large scale, with great visions for the future in respect to protecting Independence Hall by the purchase of buildings surrounding that venerable institution so as to lessen the danger of damage by fire. While this objective has not become an accomplished fact, it may be predicted that, in time to come, Egbert's dream will be realized.

Thousands of students and hundreds of loyal members of Phi Rho Sigma will long cherish in tender memory the influence for good that was always spread by this honorable gentleman. A bust of Dr. Egbert is in the hall of the Department of Hygiene of the University of Pennsylvania.

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Earl Brooks Gilbert, *Lambda Phi*, died on December 1, 1939, at his home in Scottdale, Pa. Dr. Brooks graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1920. The cause of his death was coronary occlusion.

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Henry Trahan, *Delta Omicron Alpha*, died on December 5, 1939. He graduated from Tulane University in 1927.

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Other deaths reported are: Morgan Smith and William M. Duff, *Chi Zeta*; Arley J. Ostrander and Leo M. Crafts, *Theta Tau*; Frank E. Schram, John A. Cavanaugh, Clyde D. Pence, and Frank P. Ramsey, *Beta*; Clovis H. Robinson, *Delta Omicron Alpha*; Lewis J. Daniels, *Gamma*; Hugh J. McGee, *Alpha Omega Delta*; Samuel W. Budd, *Upsilon*; Bertram A. Martin, *Alpha*; Robert W. Benner, *Zeta*; Edward C. Maphis and Antonio Gentile, *Sigma*; Norman Bethune, *Epsilon*; Frank W. Almond and Lionel J. S. Sicard, *Alpha Gamma*.

## Southern Medical Luncheon

The Phi Rho Sigma luncheon, held in connection with the November meeting of the Southern Medical Association in Memphis, has been voted an outstanding success. About forty-five fraters, from all points of the compass, attended. The luncheon was arranged by P. M. Lewis, *Sigma*.

## Marriages

Paul B. Wilson, *Alpha Lambda*, to Esther Elizabeth Roberts, Philadelphia, September 19, 1939.

Julian Andrews White, *Chi Theta*, to Miss Mary Parker, of Virginia Beach, Va., October 30, 1938.

J. G. N. Cushing to Miss Mary Eyman McKinniss, at Rockville, Md., December 26, 1939.

Arthur C. Allen, *Lambda Phi*, to Miss June Louise Ryland, of Pottsville, Pa., November 24, 1939.

William M. Fox, *Chi Delta*, to Miss Peggy Williams, of Raleigh, N. C.

Benjamin Allen, *Chi Delta*, to Miss Miriam Mundy, of Hodges, S. C.

## Births

To Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Henning, of Lake Kushaqua, N. Y., a daughter, June 14, 1939.

To Dr. and Mrs. Bruce N. Wolff, of Gettysburg, Pa., a daughter, December 30, 1939.

To Dr. and Mrs. Brenton M. Hamil, of Detroit, a daughter, October 30, 1939.

To Dr. and Mrs. Guy L. Loranger, of Detroit, a son, December 29, 1939.